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Applicant : Loria
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For : 5-ANDROSTENE-3 β ,17 α -DIOL AS AN INHIBITOR
OF TUMOR GROWTH
Examiner : Goldberg, J.
Group Art Unit : 1614

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed herewith, and in response to the final Office Action of May 24, 2002 for the above-referenced application, the following Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claim 21/ without prejudice to further prosecution.

Please amend claims 15 and 24 as follows:

15. (Four Times Amended) A composition of matter for inhibiting tumors comprising a tumor inhibiting effective amount of 5-androstene-3 β ,17 α -diol or an ester or ether thereof of the formula: